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THE WEATHER

Tonight cloudy
with snow and
colder in extreme
east portion;
Thursday cloudy.



SENATE AGREES ON FINAL VOTE

Final Action on Currency Bill
to Be Taken on
Friday.

SOME ELIMINATIONS

Efforts Made to Obtain Agree-
ments on All Amendments
—House to Act Monday.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A tentative agreement was reached late today between Democratic and Republican leaders of the senate for a final vote on the currency bill before the end of the legislative day of Friday.

At a conference of Democratic senators tonight it is proposed to eliminate the deposits guarantee from the currency bill and change the "lawful money redemption" to make treasury notes redeemable in gold.

Other changes are favored by many Democratic senators. The prohibition against "member banks" extending any of the benefits of the new federal system to "non member banks" probably will be modified.

Efforts will be made to bring about an agreement of Democratic senators on all amendments, which then will be offered in the senate by Chairman Green.

Democratic House Leader Under-

wood assured senate leaders the house would not take much time in disposing of the bill. He predicted that if the bill passed the senate, it would be disposed of by the house before Monday.

RAILROAD INTO THE UNTAIN BASIN OF EASTERN UTAH

W. M. Anderson, who is here from Vernal, Utah, is of the opinion that the Denver & Salt Lake railroad will be built into the Uinta Basin within eighteen months. During the past summer this road was extended from Steamboat Springs, the county seat of Routt county, to Craig, forty miles west on the Yampa (or Bear) river, making a total mileage from Denver of 254 miles. The present terminus is therefore but 135 miles due east from Vernal. The previous survey and the one shown on the maps as that for the proposed extension into Utah, follows the south bank of the Yampa river to a point between Juniper and Little Juniper mountains, but a short distance above Maybell leaves the river and veers slightly to the southwest and crosses the low divide between the Yampa and White River slopes, continuing in a southeasterly direction to Ouray Indian agency, passing through the historic Axial basin, where the Meeker massacre occurred. From Ouray the old survey traversed the lowlands along the Du Chesne river, through the towns of Myton and Du Chesne.

A former survey which continued nearly due west down the Yampa river from Maybell is to be carefully rechecked in the spring, however, and it is said on good authority that this will be the accepted route, since it eliminates the grade in crossing the divide between the Yampa and White rivers. If so Vernal will be the natural division point between Steamboat Springs and Salt Lake City. This route will also pass through the vast coal and asphalt deposits within five miles of Vernal, and, taking the easy grade, now an automobile road, to the point where this survey joins the one previously described between Myton and Du Chesne, will obtain a water grade from Steamboat Springs, Colo., to Salt Lake City.

Regardless of routes, the new road will pass through the heart of the Uinta basin, which is composed of approximately 400,000 acres of agricultural land lying in a contiguous body, all of which will in a short time be put under cultivation. There is probably not elsewhere so large a body of rich land undeveloped, nor so much water as is here available for irrigation, from the Ashley, White Rock, Uinta, Lake Fork, Du Chesne, and Strawberry rivers—whose flow is sufficient at low water to supply the amount needed for the entire 400,000 acres without storage. The United States geological survey had

a party in the Uinta basin all summer examining the coal deposits, and their report will soon be available. This is, however, as is well known, one of the largest undeveloped coal fields in the United States. In the few places where the veins have been opened, coal is being taken out for local use, and is delivered in the city of Vernal at \$4.50 per ton. There has not been an authoritative estimate made of the amount of asphaltum in the hills south and west of Vernal, but the quantity is enormous. The development of this basin will be favored by the presence of sufficient timber in the Ashley forest, lying the basin on the north, to provide plenty of lumber for home building. There is at least a billion board feet of merchantable timber on the south slope of the Uinta mountains, comprising timber on the south slope of the Uinta mountains, comprising yellow and lodgepole pine, spruce and fir, and the prices are reasonable common lumber selling for \$16 per thousand.

TWENTY-FIVE BODIES FOUND

New Castle, Colo., Dec. 17.—Twenty-five bodies of the 37 men killed in yesterday's explosion had been removed from the workings of the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company early today. Three more bodies had been located in the rooms of the west entry. After a rest of an hour, weary rescuers started in to the mine with pick and shovel to release the corpses imprisoned by broken timbers, stone and coal.

With the coming of day New Castle, relieved of the tense excitement of yesterday, was just beginning to realize the full meaning of the catastrophe. Women and children thronged the morgue for a glimpse of husband, brother or father. Tentative plans were made today for a general funeral at which the victims of yesterday's disaster would be buried in the same cemetery where relatives of victims of the explosion in 1896 still go to mourn for loved ones.

At the mine rescue work had been systematized. Near arrivals from surrounding and distant camps took the places of those who toiled all night. General Superintendent J. W. Cummings, in charge of the mines of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company in Western Colorado, announced that work would continue under present plans until the last body was found. The official list of dead today numbered thirty-seven. It was said no inquest would be held until all the bodies were removed.

MISSIONARY IS BACK AFTER TWO YEARS IN NEW ZEALAND

George Hill, Jr., son of George Hill of the Ogden Furniture and Carpet company, has returned from New Zealand, where he has served for the past two years as a Mormon missionary.

Mr. Hill left Ogden on his mission November 22, 1911, and his whole term of missionary service was passed on that island.

On the return trip, the young man boarded the ship at Auckland, New Zealand, and went from there to Sydney, Australia. The latter port was under quarantine for smallpox and owing to the ship having entered it, the passengers were not permitted to land at the port of Souva, in the Fiji islands, on their homeward trip. They landed, however, at Honolulu and spent about six hours in automobile biling around that city.

They reached Vancouver, B. C., on December 11, after having been on the water for twenty-two days. From Vancouver they proceeded to Seattle and Portland by boat.

President Wilson today nominated Charles Gammon of Utah for assayer in charge of the assay office at Salt Lake City.

UTAH HAS NEW
FEDERAL ASSAYER

MINE OWNERS EMPLOY GUNMEN

Conditions in Michigan Cop-
per Mine Region Pictured
to House Committee.

SYSTEM OF PEONAGE

Men Hired and Pressed Into
Mine Service Under
Threats of Death.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Conditions in the Michigan copper mine region were pictured before the house rules committee today by C. E. Mahoney of Denver, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners who charged that members of the supreme court of Michigan had been keenly interested in the mining properties, either as stockholders or otherwise, and that it was impossible to secure redress for the miners before the state courts.

Mr. Mahoney alleged that the mine operators in Michigan had employed agencies in Chicago, New York and the principal eastern cities to enlist gunmen for service in the copper mine strike area.

"Men are employed frequently," he said, "to work in the northern timber belt and when they are collected, armed guards are placed in charge of the railroad cars and instructed to deliver them in the Michigan copper district where they are kept under threats of death and compelled to labor in peonage."

INCREASE IN WHEAT ACREAGE

Nearly Three Million More
Acres Planted This Year
Than Last.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—An increase of 8.6 per cent; or 2,888,000 acres, is the area planted to winter wheat in the United States this fall compared with the revised estimated area sown last year, was reported today by the department of agriculture. The condition of winter wheat on December 1, was 97.2 per cent of a normal, the highest December 1 condition recorded since 1903.

SANTA CLAUS HAS RECEIVED 150 LETTERS

Letters already received by Santa Claus, leads him to remark that he very much deprecates the publicity given his work by the press.

The letters written to him by the trusting and confiding little ones, who see, often from the condition of things at home, that their little stockings will be empty on Christmas morning unless Santa is implored to not forget them, are to him, sacred confidence. But after each article on Goodfellow ship with some of the glaring headlines used the mails are flooded with letters from the children of many well-to-do people who would scorn to be told that their children are drawing on a special fund to the detriment of some little tots who have neither shoes nor stockings, and who hardly have a feed of candy and nuts once a year.

Santa is doing the very best he can with a very small fund to draw on.

WANT THE SIDEWALK ON 24TH STREET OPENED

T. C. Mercer and others this morning filed a petition with the city board of commissioners asking that the contractors on the Eccles skyscraper on Washington avenue and Twenty-fourth street, be required to remove building material from the sidewalk on the north side of the structure. The commissioners considered the matter briefly at the morning session and referred it to the street superintendent, Commissioner J. C. Nye. The property owners are of the opinion that the Twenty-fourth street sidewalk along the building can be cleared of obstruction as well as the walk on Washington avenue, which was opened Saturday evening.

The board ordered warrants drawn for the payment of interest on bonds which comes due January 1, 1914, as follows:
Waterworks bonds \$450,000, interest \$10,160
General city bonds, \$100,000, interest 2,007
Sewer bonds \$10,000, interest, 250
Total \$12,417

The petition of property owners asking an investigation of the sewer on Jefferson avenue, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets, was referred to the superintendent of

streets and the city engineer. The contention of the property owners is that the sewer is too near the surface of the ground to give adequate drainage from the buildings. They say they have called attention to the matter before, and filed protests against the sewer at the time it was laid, but that their objections have never been fully considered.

The board allowed payrolls and instructed the auditor to draw warrants for the several amounts as follows:
Waterworks department, per diem \$ 325.25
Street department, labor, 2271.56
Cemetery department, 122.75
Total \$2719.56

CLAIM STOCK SALES WERE CONSUMMATED FRAUDULENTLY

In Judge J. A. Howell's division of the district court yesterday afternoon the case of Henry Huseman against the Davis County Light & Power company et al was taken up for trial and a jury empaneled as follows:
H. E. Palmer, L. R. Jenkins, James A. Thompson, Robert Reynolds, William England Jr., Robert W. Bailey, John Sargeant and Willard S. Flinders.

The suit was instituted to recover the sum of about \$5000 on certain transactions in the purchase of stock in the defendant company which are alleged to have been consummated fraudulently. The plaintiff claims that the sales of stock were made on misrepresentation by the representatives of the defendant company. There are 21 counts in the complaints, each involving amounts ranging from \$50 to \$300.

BLIND WILL PRESENT MUSICAL PROGRAM AT STATE SCHOOL

The music pupils of the State School for the Blind will present the following program of vocal and instrumental music tomorrow at the state school.

(a) Piano Reverie.....Schumann
(b) "Gondola".....Mendelssohn
Sarah Getz

(a) "Valse".....Chopin
(b) "Good-night".....Liszt
Ida Foster

Tenor solos:
(a) "In the Time of Roses".....Reichardt
(b) "Then You'll Remember Me".....Balfe
James Jacobs

(a) "Fan Fan".....Dubois
(b) "Serenata".....Gounod
Lulu McDonald

Tenor solos:
(a) "Love's Rosary".....Rachminoff
(b) "The Message".....Mildenberg
Mr. Jacobs

(a) "Twilight Idyl".....Schnecker
(b) "Valse".....Chopin
Linda Masocco

Piano duet, "Intermezzo", Mascagni
Miss McDonald and Miss Foster.

The program will commence at 3:30 p. m. and will be given for the students and teachers of the school. Professor Joseph Ballantyne, the instructor of the music department, states that several public recitals will be given later in the season.

YOUNG MEN ARE TO GIVE DRAMATIC READINGS

The fourth event on the Weber Academy lecture course will be an evening of entertainment given by T. Earl Pardoe and Moroni Olsen, the two local dramatic readers.

This will be the first local recital to be given by the two young men since their graduation from the Leeland Powers' School of Dramatic Art of Boston and they will present a miscellaneous program that will give friends an opportunity to judge of their ability in the several lines of dramatic work that they have studied.

The entertainment will be in the Weber academy auditorium on Friday night, beginning at 8:15, and the program will be as follows:
Literary Introduction.....Mr. Pardoe
(a) "Mandalay".....Kipling
(b) "Mother of Mine".....Kipling
Mr. Olsen

Selection from the comedy, "The Gilded Fool".....Guy Carlton
Mr. Pardoe

Selection from the drama, "The Devil's Dilemma".....Bernard Shaw
Mr. Olsen

Hamlet "First Act".....William Shakespeare
Mr. Pardoe

"The Passing of Arthur".....Tennyson
Mr. Olsen

London, Dec. 17.—Ambassador and Mrs. Page, with Francis Bowes Sayre and his bride, formerly Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, were the guests of Premier Asquith at luncheon today.

CHIEF WITNESS UNDER ARREST

Man Expected to Testify for
Government Is Charged
With Seduction.

PROBABLE CONSPIRACY

Defendants Scheme to Dis-
credit Government's Case
Against Western Fuel Co.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—David G. Powers, one of the chief witnesses for the government in the prosecution of the directors and officers of the Western Fuel company, was arraigned in police court today on a charge of seducing a 20-year-old girl under promise to marry. He pleaded not guilty and asked for an immediate trial, but the district attorney's office confessed unfamiliarity with the case and a continuance of one week was granted.

There was no meeting today of the federal grand jury, hastily called into special session yesterday afternoon following the arrest of Powers, to inquire into the charges of the government's attorneys that the arrest of the witness is part of a conspiracy to discredit the government's case. No warrants have been issued thus far.

HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON

An excellent Christmas program has been arranged by the students of the Ogden high school, to be given Friday. The entertainment will begin at 1:45 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The program will be as follows:
Selection—O. H. S. Orchestra, under the direction of Martha Hunter.
Vocal solo—Melba Read.

Mandolin solo—Jesse Yarrington.
Reading—Marguerite Budlong.
Selection by the O. H. S. mixed chorus:

(a) Selection from the "Messiah".....Handel
(b) "Pavane Dance".....Brahms
Piano duet—Myra Shreeve and Cecile Farley.

Reading—Lucille Thurman.
Violin solo—Cleone Rich.
Selection—O. H. S. orchestra.

BIG DAMAGE SUIT IS BASED ON KILLING OF A BOY

The \$30,000 personal injury case of William G. Harris against W. B. Wedell was up for trial before Judge Nathan J. Harris of the district court this morning. The suit recalls the accident that befell the Harris home on the Wedell ranch near Willard last June, when the 12-year-old son of the plaintiff was instantly killed by a bolt of lightning.

The plaintiff alleges that in April of this year he took up a residence on the Wedell place, known as the Hill ranch, to take care of it and that among other fixtures on the place was a telephone system, connecting the main ranch with other places belonging to the defendant. He states that the wiring for the private telephone was defective in that the wires were not properly grounded nor insulated and also that there were no "lightning arresters" at the transmitting instrument to protect persons against electrical storms.

On June 23, 1913, it is further alleged, while an electrical storm was raging, Frederick Harris, the 12-year-old son of the plaintiff, was struck by lightning as he stood near the telephone receiver in the bedroom and was instantly killed. The plaintiff declares that it was through the carelessness of the defendant in erecting the telephone system that the boy's life was taken. He asks for damages in the sum of \$30,052.25.

The defendant denies carelessness and alleges that the plaintiff under stood conditions on the ranch and was familiar with the telephone wiring at the place, assuming the risk incident to electrical storms.

The defendant also avers that the plaintiff had taken charge of the ranch on a lease, the consideration being a part of the proceeds of the place, not to be less than \$30 a month.

The forenoon was taken up in securing the following jury:
A. J. Chamberlain, James N. Clark, Henry D. Moore, J. R. Horspool, Willard S. Cranun, W. T. Stillwell, Edward H. Delamater and Albert G. Ward.

In his opening statement to the jury, Judge O. W. Powers, attorney for the plaintiff, stated that he expected to prove by a number of witnesses that the defendant had installed at his ranch in Box Elder county, a private telephone system for the convenience of the ranch hands and to expedite business, and that in so doing he had failed to make ground connections, which are considered necessary for a safe telephone line. He also said that he would prove that

the system was not properly insulated and that no lightning arresters had been placed.

The attorney said that it would be shown that, on June 23, while the son of the plaintiff was standing near the telephone instrument in the bedroom of the Wedell ranch house, an electrical storm came up and that a current of electricity passed into the building along the telephone wire and jumped from the receiving instrument on the wall to the body of the boy which served as a conductor or ground, passing through his body on the left side and killing him instant ly.

The plaintiff was the first witness placed on the stand and he testified to the leasing of the Wedell ranches and going there with his family to live. He explained that there was a private telephone line connecting three of Mr. Wedell's ranches for his use and that he understood that the system had been properly built.

Judge H. H. Henderson is attorney for the defendant.

COL. GOODFELLOW HAS ARRIVED AT THE STANDARD

Colonel Goodfellow has arrived at the Standard office and he invites the good fellows of this city to write him care of the Standard. He asks for no money, and simply seeks the cooperation of those who desire to do good during the Christmas period.

Those who would like to aid some poor family will be advised as people in distress and it will be optional with them to offer their services. There will be no publicity of names. The only reward that the Goodfellows may look for is the rich reward of giving, and, perhaps, when they die their good deeds will live after them, and gain recognition in the obituary notice.

This is the time of year when families in distress should be searched and extended a helping hand.

Colonel Goodfellow, through the Standard, expects to make more than one humble home happy.

Those who wish to do good in this way are invited to communicate with the Standard in person or by letter. Their communications will be treated as confidential.

MISS THURMAN AT THE WEBER ACADEMY

The brass band of the Industrial school was present at the devotional exercises this morning, and played several spirited selections during the student-body program. Most of the twenty odd members are boys in their teens, some apparently below, but they play like veterans. Prof. Nichols may well be proud of this musical organization.

Miss Thurman of the High School faculty was present and read in pleasant voice and with nice discrimination, one of H. C. Bunner's humorous stories, and for an encore gave "Dat Little Canadienne."

The rest of the program was taken up with prognostications by the members of the basketball team, as to the probable outcome of the meet to night with the team of the Granite High school. The off-hand speeches kept the students keyed up to a high tension of loyalty and enthusiasm.

CHRISTMAS TREE TO PLEASE CHILDREN OF THE POOR

A Christmas tree is being prepared by the Martha Society for the children of the poor families that have come within their notice.

The tree will be placed in the Day Nursery, near the corner of Madison and Twenty-fifth street and the children will assemble there day before Christmas, when, in addition to candy and nuts, useful gifts will be distributed.

Judge A. R. Heywood is among the last contributors to the society, having sent the organization a check for \$25.00.

CROWDS AGAIN BEFORE BANK

Mexico City, Dec. 17.—Crowds again formed this morning in front of the doors of the Central bank hours before the opening in order to exchange their state bank bills for cash.

The panicky condition growing out of the refusal of state bank bills was augmented today by the flooding of the city with this currency by refugees, chiefly Spaniards from the northern states, each of whom brought an accumulation.

London, Dec. 17.—The Nobel prize for literature for 1914 is to be awarded, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, to Thomas Hardy, the English author.

CONTOUR OF AN ISLAND CHANGED

Inhabitants of New Hebrides
Group Flee in Terror to
Missions.

VOLCANO AGAIN ACTIVE

Lava Streams Overwhelm
Hospital, Scinders and Scor-
Fall for Three Days.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The configuration of the coast of the island of Ambrym, in the New Hebrides group, was changed on the "dip point" or western side, by the volcanic upheavals on December 6, according to cablegrams received by the French colonial office today from the governor of New Caledonia.

Previous reports are confirmed relative to the formation of new craters in the island, which is volcanic in origin. The vast lava streams overwhelmed the Presbyterian hospital, which is controlled by the Presbyterian churches of Canada and Australia, while numerous French and English business houses and cocoa plantations were destroyed.

A heavy rain of cinders and scoria fell continuously for five days. The inhabitants fled from the vicinity and proceeded in canoes to the Presbyterian and Catholic missions, where 500 refugees are being cared for. It is believed that no lives are lost.

The New Hebrides are controlled by a joint commission of British and French officials under the supervision of resident commissioners of both nations.

HEAD OF A FAMILY RECEIVES TEN-DAY SENTENCE

A brief session of the municipal court was held this morning. Henry Tremayne and Walter Reed, drunkards, were each given ten days. The latter is a horse trader, residing on Thirtieth street, and has formed the habit of getting drunk and driving his family out of the house. He has been before the court on the same charge several times and the judge decided to be a little more severe with him in the present instance.

Peter Carlson, a drunk, was released on a suspended sentence. The case of the city vs. George Vogel will be tried tomorrow morning.

DAUGHTERS OF THE PIONEERS EXHIBIT THE RELICS

Mrs. Evelyn Woods, chairman of the relic committee of the Daughters of the Pioneers, announces that a member of the committee will be at the Carnegie library every Monday and Friday from now on, between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m.

The Daughters will be pleased to receive any relics that may be collected by the members of the organization and a receipt will be given for each one that is brought in.

FRANK B. WICKERSHAM GUEST OF HONOR

Hon. Frank B. Wickersham, supreme regent of the Royal Arcanum was the guest of honor at a reception given by the Ogden council, last night at the Eagle hall.

The affair was presided over by Fred Sawyer, regent of the local council, and in addition to an address by Mr. Wickersham, speeches were made by Captain E. T. Hulaniski, Secretary George B. Roberts and Deputy Supreme Regent Fred Melissner of Ogden and H. A. Joplin, Charles Jennings, C. Ed. Moss and Regent Pearson of the Salt Lake council.

During the evening the following musical program was rendered:
Violin duet, "Longing for Home," George and Harmon Melissner, with piano accompaniment by Ellen Melissner.

Violin solo, "Melody in F".....Rubenstein
George Melissner.

Violin solo, "Air".....Haydn
Harmon Melissner.

Piano solo, "Air de Dallet".....Chaminade
Ellen Melissner.

An original solo, the text of which was about members of the Ogden council of the Royal Arcanum, was sung by Mr. Clawson.

Regent Wickersham was a guest of the Ogden high school yesterday afternoon and spoke at the school assembly on the subject of "Home Protection." His talk was much appreciated by the students.

Basket Ball

WEBER ACADEMY

V. S.

GRANITE HIGH SCHOOL

Tonight, 8 o'clock, Weber Academy

Hall. Admission 25c.